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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S POSSIBLE VISIT TO AFRICA: NIGERIA

1. RECENT WIRELESS FILE AND VOA BROADCAST CARRIED STORY TO EFFECT THAT SECRETARY HOPED VISIT AFRICA DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS IN APRIL. NIGERIA HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN AN EARLIER PRESS REPORT GIVING A LIST OF FIVE COUNTRIES THE SECRETARY INTENDED TO VISIT. LOCAL PRESS PRESS TODAY QUOTES OFFICIALS IN SECRETARY'S PARTY EN ROUTE COLOMBIA FROM BRAZIL AS SAYING NIGERIA INCLUDED IN TRIP THAT MAY BE POSTPONED TIL SECOND HALF APRIL. COMMISSIONER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GARBA HAD URGED THE SECRETARY TO VISIT NIGERIA AND ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS PRIOR TO EVENTS OF FEBRUARY 13 STATED PUBLICLY THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD BE VISITING LAGOS.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, PASSIONS NOW RUNNING HIGH IN WAKE OF ABORTIVE COUP, XENOPHOBIA HAS MANIFESTED ITSELF, DEMONSTRATORS HAVE ATTACKED US GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS, AND ACCUSATIONS OF CIA COMPLICITY IN COUP ATTEMPT ABOUND. IN THIS UNSETTLED ATMOSPHERE, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO OBTAIN RECONFIRMATION OF FMG'S READINESS RECEIVE SECRETARY KISSINGER IN APRIL. SUGGEST IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFEL TO CALL IN NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR SANU TO SEEK SUCH ASSURANCES.

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3. ONCE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES SUCH ASSURANCES FROM AMBASSADOR SANU (OR MEA GIVES THEM TO US HERE), WE SUGGEST PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

OF THE NIGERIAN VISIT TO BE MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY BY USG AND FMG.
IN PRESENT ATMOSPHERE, UNILATERAL REFERENCES TO VISIT MAY BE
MISREPRESENTED BY NIGERIAN PRESS AS PRESUMPTUOUS US
ACTION TAKEN WITHOUT CONSIDERATION FOR RECENT TRAUMATIC EVENTS IN
NIGERIA OR FMG SENSITIVITIES. FMG ENDORSEMENT OF VISIT SHOULD
HELP REDUCE POSSIBILITY ADVERSE PRESS OR PUBLIC (STUDENT) REACTION.
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